

States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, Islam A. Siddiqui, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and Jim R. Esquea, of New York, and Ellen

Gloninger Murray, of Virginia, both to be Assistant Secretary, and Bryan Hayes Samuels, of Illinois, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: There were no public bills or resolutions introduced today.

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Moran (VA) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H15511**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Gene Hemrick, Washington Theological Union, Washington, DC. **Page H15511**

Membership of Standing Committees: Read a letter from Representative Larson (CT), Chairman, Democratic Caucus wherein he informed the Speaker that Representative Parker Griffith is no longer a member of the Democratic Caucus. Subsequently, read letters from the Speaker wherein she advised Chairman Oberstar, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Chairwoman Velázquez, Committee on Small Business, and Chairman Gordon, Committee on Science and Technology that Representative Parker Griffith's election to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Small Business, and Science and Technology have been automatically vacated pursuant to clause 5(b) of rule X, effective today. **Page H15512**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and at 12:04 p.m., the House stands adjourned until 10

a.m. on Saturday, December 26, 2009 unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 223, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1511)

S. 1422, to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to clarify the eligibility requirements with respect to airline flight crews. Signed on December 21, 2009. (Public Law 111–119)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.